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TAGS: PINS PFOR MOPS ET SO

SUBJ: CRS/UNICEF EVACUATES EL KERE

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1. UNICEF AND BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES HERE INFORM US THAT MOTOR CONVOY FROM EL KERE FINALLY REACHED GORO LATE THIS AFTERNOON. TWO VEHICLES ARRIVED EARLIER BEGINNING AROUND NOON, BUT COMMUNICATIONS WERE DIFFICULT AND FATE OF REMAINING VEHICLES AND THEIR PASSENGERS INCLUDING ALL EUROPEANS WAS NOT KNOWN HERE UNTIL APPROX 1630.

2. CONVOY WAS ATTACKED AT 0645 THIS MORNING SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF GORO BY A GROUP ESTIMATED AT APPROX 50 MEN WHO WERE REPORTEDLY WELL-ARMED TO INCLUDE SOME HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. SOME ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN SOME SORT OF UNIFORM. BRITISH NURSE AND TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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ETHIOPIANS WERE WOUNDED AND AFTER REACHING GORO, WERE EVACUATED

TO ADDIS BY HELICOPTER.

3. OTHER DETAILS ARE STILL FRAGMENTARY, IDENTITY OF ATTACKERS IS
STILL UNKNOWN, BUT WE CONTINUE TO HEAR REFERENCES TO "SOMALIS".
(ADDIS 14678). SUCH REFERENCES WILL CERTAINLY WILL STRIKE HIGHLY
SENSITIVE NERVE AMONG ETHIOPIANS, AND WE ARE THEREFORE INSTRUCTING
EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT IF QUERIED, THEY ARE TO REFRAIN FROM ANY
COMMENT WHATSOEVER, LEAVING ETHIOPIANS TO PLAY STORY IN WHATEVER
WAY THEY WISH. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPT, IF QUERIED,
TAKE SAME LINE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WISE TO BE SOURCE OF ANY
INFO CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT THAT REACHES PUBLIC.
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